

**AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph entitled "Related Applications" on page 1, line 7, with the following paragraph:

**Related Applications**

This patent application is a divisional application claiming priority to U.S. Patent Application entitled, "Messaging Application Layer Over Ethernet to Transport Layer (TCP) Communications Method and Apparatus for a Modular Terminal Input/Output System," Application No. 09/804,362, filed March 12, 2001, currently pending, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/166,870, filed October 6, 1998, and Granted May 15, 2001 as U.S. Patent No. ~~6,223,626~~ 6,233,626 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.